The State Government has allotted 287.97 acres of land to the University but the physical possession has not been given till now.

(b) No funds has been allotted for the year 2001-2002 for the purpose.

(c) As mentioned at (a) and (b) above.

Performance of urea projects

†650. *SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:* Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether performance of new/ongoing, joint/ private urea enterprises, including the Indo-Oman urea project and urea projects in private sector have been reviewed during current year;

(b) if so, project-wise details thereof;

(c) the present status of the projects, including the targets fixed and achieved and increase in cost due to delay in implementation; and

(d) the details of the pending projects under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BARTA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Since the Fertilizer Sector stands delicensed as per the Industrial Policy Resolution dated 24th July, 1991, the Government do not review the implementation of urea projects in private sector. However, the Government periodically review the performance of new/ongoing joint venture urea projects involving public and cooperative sector participation. The details of such urea projects are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/ Country	Estimated cost of the Project (US $ Million)	Indian Partner Sponsor	Present Status
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Oman India Fertilizer Company SAOC, Oman	969	IFFCO, KRIBHCO	The Urea Offtake Agreement under discussion with the banks financial institutions. The financial close of the project is likely to be achieved by December 2001.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5
				Project is targeted to be completed within 35 months of Financial Close. So far no increase in cost is reported.
2.	Indo-Iran Joint Venture Project, Iran	470	IFFCO, KRIBHCO	MoU has been signed. The Projects is at a very preliminary stage of consideration and has so far not been posed to the Government for investment approval.

Ban on Persistent Organic Pollutants

651. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the twelve Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) swept around the globe by air or ocean currents, have been banned or heavily restricted;

(b) whether many of the twelve POPs have been known killers for decades and banned in many industrial nations; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) An international legally binding instrument namely, the Stockholm convention on Persistent Organic Pollutents (POPs) has been adopted recently to initiate international action to protect human health and environment through measures to reduce and eliminate emissions and discharges of twelve POPs. Over the past several decades, the risk posed by POPs to human health and environment has been a matter of concern.

(c) India adopted the Convention and signed the Final Act on May 23, 2001. All Parties are required to prepare National Implementation Plans (NIPs) based on National obligations identified under the Convention.

Revamping of Namrup Unit of HFCL

652. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position of revamping of Namrup Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL);